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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to constitute a Committee of Ministers to supervise various schemes/programmes being run by various ministries and departments for welfare of Minorities;

(b) the details thereof along with objectives and composition thereof;

(c) whether despite large amounts being allocated to number of programmes for Minorities, the desired results has not been achieved;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to start/launch awareness campaigns to ensure that Minorities avail benefits of these schemes;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government also encourage State Governments to implement all existing schemes for empowerment of the Minority Community; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The budget allocation of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for minorities is being effectively utilized.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) Ministry has already been publicising the schemes and programmes through Electronic, Print and Outdoor Media to spread information on the schemes and programmes of the Govt. for the welfare of minorities. Moreover, the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) organizes Awareness camps through its State Channelising Agencies for creating awareness among the target groups about its schemes. During 2004-05 a total of 145 awareness camps were organized by NMDFC at various places in the country.

(g) & (h) The Ministry has been impressing upon the State Governments for effective implementation of the schemes and programmes of the Ministry during the meetings with the Secretary level officers from the States. Moreover, the programmes of NMDFC are mainly implemented by the State Channelising Agencies nominated by the respective State Governments.